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My hearts deſire and prayer to God for Iſrael is, that they might be ſaved. Rom. 10. 1.

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To the moſt Reverend Father in God, *WILLIAM* Lord Arch-Biſhop of *Dublin.*

May it pleaſe Your Grace,

WHereas it is the conſtant practice of the Jews Converted to the Chriſtian Faith, in all Places where I have Travelled; to Publiſh ſome ſmall Treatiſe containing the reaſons of their Converſion, expecting it may have ſome bleſſed effect upon the Unconverted, I have followed the ſame Example; not daring to put any thing of that nature to the Preſs, without Your Graces Conſent and Approbation.

Therefore Your Grace is earneſtly Petitioned, to Read over the ſame, in order to the fulfilling the Bond and Obligation laid upon me by the common Practice of my Converted Brethren.

And Your humble Petitioner ſhall ever Pray, &c.

John Meirs.

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TO
The Reader.

THE ſole Cauſe of my Publiſhing this ſmall Treatiſe, is the great Love I have to my Brethren the *Jews*, who continue in Unbelief and Ignorance: When I conſider the dangerous Condition of poor frail Man dying in an unregenerate State, without an intereſt in the Sufferings of a Saviour; I cannot but lament the doleful Circumſtances of my obſtinate Brethren, who will not regard their own future Happineſs, in embracing the *Meſſias* by Faith; who is ſo evidently reveal'd to us both in the Scriptures of the Old and New Teſtament.

I think my ſelf bound and oblig'd in Conſcience to endeavour their Converſion to the Chriſtian Faith, and therefore I would entreat the Reader not to be Cenſorious, in expecting this Treatiſe to be done by me in that exact Method, as might be expected from Men of acuter Parts, eſpecially conſidering what I have been, and what I now am at preſent; whereof I ſhall give this ſhort Relation.

I was Born a *Jew*, deſcended of *Jewiſh* Parents, both as to Father and Mother, and call'd by my old Name, *Juda Ben Rabbi Meirs*: But now at my Baptiſm nominated *John Meirs*, it hath been my fate ſince my Baptiſm, to be reproached by my too too obſtinate Brethren, becauſe Separated from them, for

for which Separation, I give Glory to God, in and through Chriſt my Saviour. It is a ſignal Mercy of God, that I, amongſt ſo many Thouſands, ſhould be call'd out to the Belief of the Goſpel of Chriſt; that God in mercy ſhould molify my obdurate Heart, that it might receive the plain impreſſions of the ſacred Scriptures: before I came to this Kingdom, I was moſt obſtinate and ſtubborn, refuſing ſo much as to hearken to the Diſcourſes of any Chriſtian, who endeavour'd my Converſion: but at laſt God was pleas'd to afflict me with a ſore and tedious Sickneſs for the ſpace of Six Months, in which no Phyſitian cou'd adminiſter eaſe or comfort, and uſually Affliction brings Men to a conſideration of their future Eſtate: whereupon I began to conſider what ſhould become of my Soul, a conſideration of great conſequence, and woe be to that Man who does not frequently conſider of the State of his Soul, in order to regulate his Converſation by the Word of God, whereby he may obtain Eternal Salvation, but after recovery from my Sickneſs, tho' that ſerious and (I may ſay) beneficial Conſideration, left ſome Impreſſion on me, never to be obliterated or blotted out; it produced alſo other conſiderations tending thereunto: I conſider'd, that the Chriſtians here in this City, were in general a Prudent, Grave, Wiſe, Sober People, and thoſe of my own Nation, a diſpers'd People, not ſubject to any peculiar Government of their own, and in a great meaſure hateful to others, becauſe of their Obſtinacy and Unbelief; whereupon, I apply'd my ſelf to the Reverend Mr. *Joſeph Eſpin*, the then Miniſter of St. *Nicholas* without; in which Pariſh I reſided, who acquainted me with the Predictions of the Old Teſtament concerning the *Meſſias* to come, as alſo with the accompliſhment of theſe Predictions under the New; and then afterwards inſtructed me in the Doctrine and Principles of Chriſtianity, after which Inſtruction, I was Baptiz'd in the ſaid Church; and often Reading in the new Teſtament aftewards,

I found ſeveral Duties enjoyn'd very difficult to be obey'd, being very diſſonent and diſagreeable to our humours and inclinations, ſuch as theſe, *we muſt love them that hate us, we muſt do well to them who deſpitefully uſe us*, in a word, *that we muſt repay evil with good*; whereupon, I looked upon it as my indiſpenſable Duty *to repay the reproaches done to me by my* Jewiſh *Brethren, with good will, and fervent Prayer to God for their Converſion and Salvation*, and happy ſhould I eſteem my Soul, if I could be any ways an Inſtrument of uniting my diſpers'd Brethren into God, by Faith in the *Meſſias*, and for the effecting thereof, I have cited ſome few Scriptues in the old Teſtament, which being compared with the New, will undoubtedly (by the Bleſſing of God) convince the moſt Obſtinate and Lying to the Belief of the *Meſſias* as already exhibited, as to his Birth, Life, and Death.

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FIrſt, I begin with his Birth, and what may be precedent thereto. *Gen.* 1. 1. *In the beginning God created Heaven and Earth.* *John* 1. 1. " In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was " with God, and the Word was God: by him were all things " made, and without him was not any thing made that was made. *Gen.* 1. 2. *And the Earth was void and without form; and darkneſs was upon the face of the waters*: in theſe Scriptures cited, I have the firſt aſſurance of the Holy Trinity. *Gen.* 1. 3. And God ſaid, " Let there be Light: and " there was Light. *John* 1. 5. The Light ſhineth in darkneſs, and the dark- " neſs comprehended it not. *Gen.* 1. 26. where God ſays, *Let us make Man*, herein evidently and plainly, God the Father ſpeaketh to God the Son. *John* 1. 4. " He was the Light, and the Light was the Life of Man. *Gen.* 11. 7. In the Building of the Tower of *Babel*, God ſays there, *Let us go down, and confound their language*: here again God the Father ſpeaks to God the Son. *Gen.* 49. 10. *The Scepter ſhall not depart from* Judah, *nor a Law-giver from between his feet, till* Shilo *come, and to him ſhall the gathering of the people be*: here I am fully aſſur'd, that both Law-giver and Scepter are gone, we being a ſcatter'd People over the Univerſe ſince the coming of Chriſt. *Numb.* 21. 9. Moſes *made a Serpent of braſs, and put it upon a pole, and it came to paſs that if a Serpent had bitten any Man, when he beheld the Serpent of braſs, he lived*: which I underſtand to be the type of Jeſus Chriſt lifted up upon the Croſs, that whoſoever believed in him, might live. *Deut.* 18. 15. *The Lord thy God will raiſe up unto thee a Prophet from the midſt of thy Brethren, like unto me; and to him ye ſhall hearken*: as in *Matth.* 17. 5. " While he yet ſpeak, behold, a voice " out of the cloud, which ſaid, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am " well pleaſed; hear ye him. *Deut.* 18. 18. I will raiſe them up a Pro- " phet from among their Brethren, like unto thee, and will put my Words

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" in his Mouth, and he ſhall ſpeak unto them all that I ſhall command him. *Pſal.* 2. 7. " I will declare the decree, the Lord hath ſaid unto me, Thou " art my Son, this day have I begotten thee. *Pſal.* 118. 22. The Stone " which the Builders refuſed, is become the head Stone of the corner. *Iſai.* " 2. 4. And he ſhall teach many Nations, and he ſhall rebuke many People. " *Iſai.* 32. 1. Behold, a King ſhall reign in righteouſneſs, and a Prince ſhall " rule in Judgment. *Iſai.* 59. 20. And the Redeemer ſhall come to Zion. " *Pſal,* 130. 8. And he ſhall redeem *Iſrael* from all his ſins. *Jer.* 23. 6. " And in his days *Judah* ſhall be ſaved, and *Iſrael* ſhall dwell ſafely: and " this is his Name whereby he ſhall be called, THE LORD OUR " RIGHTEOUSNESS. Which Title cannot any way be applyed either to Saint or Angel, or any other created Being. *Ezek.* 36. 25. *Then will I ſprinkle clean water upon you, and ye ſhall be clean: from all your Sins,* here is evidently a Prophecy concerning Baptiſm, in the waſhing away of our Sins, and that by the Blood of Jeſus Chriſt, who ſuffered for us, the juſt for the unjuſt, that he might bring us unto God. *Joel* 3. 17. " So ſhall ye know that I am the Lord your God dwelling in Zion my holy moun- " tain: *Mic.* 4. 2. And many Nations ſhall come and ſay, Come and let us " go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the houſe of the God of *Ja-* " *cob,* and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths. *Mar.* " 6. 34. And Jeſus when he came out, ſaw much people, and was moved " with compaſſion towards them, becauſe they were as ſheep not having a " Shepherd: and he began to teach them many things.

I ſhall alſo ſhew you how he did come, and of his birth, and ſufferings, and how all the Prophecies are fulfilled in him from the beginning, even unto the end. *Pſal.* 70. 14. *I will go forth in the ſtrength of the Lord God, and will make mention of thy righteouſneſs only.* As the Prophet was diſcourſing to the Children of Iſrael about a Sign, he diſcovered unto them the Sign of the Birth of *Jeſus Chriſt, Jer.* 31. 22. *How long wilt thou go about O thou Back-Sliding Daughter, for the Lord hath Created a new thing upon Earth, a Woman ſhall Compaſs a Man,* as in *Iſa.* 7. 11. *Ask thee a Sign of the Lord thy God, ask it either in the deep or in the height above; therefore the Lord himſelf will give thee a Sign, Behold a Virgin ſhall conceive and bear a Son, and ſhall call his Name Immanuel, which being Enterpreted, is in the Hebrew-Tongue, God with us, Matth.* 1. 21. *And ſhe ſhall bring forth a Son, and thou ſhalt call his Name* Jeſus, *and he ſhall ſave his People from their Sins, Matth.* 1. 18. *Now the Birth of* Jeſus Chriſt *was on this wiſe, When as his Mother* Mary *was Eſpouſed to* Joſeph, *before they came together, ſhe was found with Child of the* Holy-Ghoſt,

Ghoſt, as it is written in *Iſa.* 11. 1. *There ſhall come forth a root out of the Stem of Jeſſe, and a branch ſhall grow out of his roots, the* 2. *The Spirit of the Lord ſhall reſt upon him, the Spirit of Wiſdom and Underſtanding, the Spirit of Council and might, the Spirit of knowledge, and of the fear of the Lord*; of the Place where Chriſt ſhould be Born, *Mic.* 5. 2. *But thou* Bethlehem Ephratah, *tho' thou be little among thouſands in* Judah, *yet out of thee ſhall he come forth unto me, that is to be ruler in* Iſrael; *his goings forth have been from of old, even from everlaſting*, as it is in *Pſal.* 93. 2. *Ever ſince the World began hath thy Seat been Prepared, thou art from everlaſting*, *Matth.* 2. 4. *And when* Herod *gather'd all the Chief Prieſts and Scribes of the Jews together, he demanded of them where* Chriſt *ſhould be Born*, And they ſaid in *Bethlehem* in the Land of *Judah*, for thus it is written by the Prophet; which was alſo fulfilled, *Iſa.* 9. 2. *The People that walked in Darkneſs, hath ſeen great Light, and they that dwelt in the Land of the Shadow of Death, upon them hath the Light Shined*, as is recorded in *Numb.* 24. 17. *I ſhall ſee him but not now, I ſhould have beheld him but not nigh, there ſhall come a Star out of* Jacob, *and a Sceptre ſhall riſe up out of* Iſrael, as in *Matth.* 2. 2. *And the Wiſe-Men were ſaying where is he that is Born King of the* Jews, *for we have ſeen his Star in the Eaſt, and are come to Worſhip him*, as it is written in *Iſa.* 9. 6, 7. *Unto us a Child is Born, and unto us a Son is given, and the Government ſhall be upon his Shoulder, and his Name ſhall be called Wonderful Counceller, the mighty God, the everlaſting Father, the Prince of Peace*; and of the Encreaſe of his Government ſhall be no End, upon the Throne of *David*, and on his Kingdom, to order it, and eſtabliſh it with Judgment and with Juſtice, from henceforth and for ever; the Zeal of the Lord will perform this, *Mic.* 5. 4. *And he ſhall judge in the ſtrength of the Lord, and in the Majeſty of the Name of the Lord his God, and they ſhall abide, and he ſhall be great unto the end of the earth*, as in *Iſa.* 42. 1, 6. *Behold my Servant whom I uphold, mine elect, in whom my Soul delighteth, I have put my Spirit upon him, he ſhall bring forth Judgment to the Gentiles.* "I the Lord have called thee in righteouſneſs, and "will hold thy hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant "of the People, and for a Light of the Gentiles.

And herein I will ſhew you of the Meſſenger, or Fore-runner of Chriſt, expected by the Jewiſh Church. *Matth.* 7. 3, 1. *In thoſe Days came* John *the* Baptiſt, *preaching in the Wilderneſs of* Judea, *and ſaying, repent ye for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand*; for this is he that was ſpoken of by *Eſaias* the Prophet, *Iſa.* 40. 3. *The voice of one crying in the Wilderneſs,*

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prepare ye the way of the Lord, and make straight in the desert a High way for our God, John. 1. 6, 7, 8. There was a Man sent from God, whose Name was John, *the same came for a witness to bear witness of that Light, that all Men thro' him might believe: he was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light, which was to come,* as in *Isa. 54. 4. Behold I have given him for a witness to the People, a Leader and a Commander to the People,* as in *Isa. 40. 10. Behold the Lord God will come with a strong Hand, and his Arm shall rule for him; behold his reward is with him, and his works before him, Matth. 3. 16, 17. And Jesus when he was Baptized by* John *the* Baptist, *went up straightway out of the water, and lo the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit descending like a dove, and lighting upon him; and lo a voice from heaven, saying, this is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased, Psal. 2. 7. I will declare the Decree, whereof the Lord hath said unto me, thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee, Isa. 29. 18. 19. And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of my Book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness, the meek also shall encrease for joy in the Lord, and they among Men shall rejoyce in the holy one of* Israel, as is fulfilled in *Matth. 11. 5. The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, and the Leprous are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have the Gospel preached unto them,* which is all evidently fulfilled.

Now follows the coming of the *Messias*, as a great King in triumph, *Isa. 51. 11. Therefore the Redeemer of the Lord shall come with Singing into Sion, and everlasting joy shall be upon his head, they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and mourning shall flee away. Matt. 21. 1. 2. And when they drew nigh to Jerusalem, and were come to* Bethphage, *and to the mount of* Olives, *then said* Jesus *to his* Disciples, *go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and the colt with her, and all this was done that it might be fulfilled, which was spoken by the Prophet saying. Zach. 9. 9. Rejoyce greatly O daughter of Sion, shout O daughter of Jerusalem, behold thy King cometh unto thee, he is just and having salvation, lowly and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an Ass. Matth. 21. 6, 7. And the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them, and brought the ass and the colt, and put on them their cloaths, the 9. And the multitude that went before, and that followed cryed, saying,* Hosannah *to the Son of* David, *blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord,* Hosannah *in the highest, Psal. 118. 24. 25. 26. This is the day which the Lord hath made, we will be glad and rejoyce in it, save now I beseech thee O Lord: O Lord I beseech thee send now prosperity,*

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bless'd be he that cometh in the Name of the Lord; we have bless'd him out of the house of the Lord.

I shall now further proceed to the Prophecies concerning the sufferings and resurrection of Christ, and the accomplishment thereof, because the *Jews* will not believe what is clearly reveal'd in the *Old Testament* about his sufferings, *death*, and *resurrection*; tho' in the mean time they acknowledge the *Old Testament* as the pure word of God. *Dan.* 9. 26, 27. *And after 62 weeks shall the* Messias *be cut off, but not for himself, but for the sins of the People, and he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week, and he shall cause the sacrifices and oblations to cease.* as *Mic.* 5. 1. *Now gather thy self in troops O daughter of troops, he hath laid siege against us, they shall smite the judge of* Israel *with a rod upon the cheek,* as *Matth.* 26. 31. *Then said* Jesus *unto them, all ye shall be offended because of me this night, for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scatter'd abroad, and I will turn my hand upon the little ones. Jer.* 11. 9. *And the Lord said unto him, a conspiracy is found among the Men of* Judah, *and among the inhabitants of* Jerusalem, this is the conspiracy against *Jesus Christ*, the true *Messias*, as *Matth.* 26. 14, 15, 16. *And one of the twelve called* Judas Iscariot, *went unto the chief Priests, and from that time he sought opportunity to betray him,* as *Zach.* 11. 12. *And I said unto them, if ye think good, give me my price, and if not forbear, so they weighed for my price, thirty pieces of Silver. Psal.* 59. 3, 4. *For lo, they lye in wait for my soul, the mighty are gathered against me, not for my trangressions, nor for my sins O Lord, they ran and prepared themselves without my fault; awake to help me and behold. Matth.* 26. 46. &c. *Rise, let us be going, behold he is at hand, that would betray me, and while he yet spake, lo* Judas *the traytor came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves,* and forthwith the same *Judas* came and betrayed him with a kiss, *Isa.* 50 6. *And I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that pulled off the hair, and I hid not my face from shame and spitting, Matth.* 26. 59. *Now the chief Priests and elders, and all the council sought false witness against* Jesus *to put him to death, but found none, yea tho' many false witnesses came yet found they none,* as the Scripture must be fulfilled, *Psal.* 35. 11, 12. *At last came two false witnesses, and rose up, and they laid to my charge things that I knew not, and they rewarded me evil for good,* as in *Isa.* 5. 19. *Let him make speed, and hasten his work, that we may see it, and let the council of the holy one of* Israel *draw nigh, that we may know it,* as *Matth.* 27. 12. &c. *And when he was accused of the chief Priests and elders, he answered nothing, then said* Pilate

unto him, heareſt thou not how many things they witneſs againſt thee, and he anſwered them to never a word, inſomuch that the Governor marvelled greatly, and when Pilate *ſaw he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water and waſhed his hands before the multitude, ſaying, I am innocent of the blood of this juſt Perſon, ſee ye to it, then anſwered all the* Jews, *his blood be on us and our children*; which I do verily believe is fulfilled on them, and their poſterity diſperſed thro' the Univerſe, as *Matt.* 27. 3, 4. *Then* Judas *which betrayed him, when he ſaw that our* Saviour *was condemned, repented himſelf, and brought again the thirty Pieces of Silver to the chief Prieſts and elders, ſaying, I have ſinned, in that I have betrayed the innocent blood; and they ſaid what is that to us, and he caſt down the Pieces of Silver in the temple, and departed, and hang'd himſelf, and the chief Prieſts took the Pieces of Silver, and ſaid it is not lawful for us to put them into the treaſury, becauſe it is the price of blood*; then was fulfilled that which was ſpoken by the Prophet, *Zach.* 11. 13. *And the Lord ſaid unto me caſt into the potter a Goodly price, that I was prized; and they took the thirty pieces of Silver, and caſt them into the houſe of the Lord, and gave them for the potters field, Matth.* 27. 10. *And the* Jews *ſpit on him, and took the reed and ſmote him on the head, and after they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucifie him,* as it is in *Iſa.* 50. 6. *I hid not my face from ſhame and ſpitting, Iſa.* 53. 3, 4, 5. " He is deſpiſed and rejected of Men, a Man of ſorrows and ac-
" quainted with grief; and we hid as it were our faces from him, he
" was deſpiſed and we eſteemed him not; ſurely he hath born our griefs,
" and carried our ſorrows, yet we did eſteem him ſtricken, and ſmitten
" of God, and afflicted, but he was wounded for our tranſgreſſions, and
" bruiſed for our iniquities; the chaſtiſement of our peace was upon him,
" and with his ſtripes we are healed. *Matth.* 27. 32. *And as they came out, they found a Man of* Cyrene, Simon *by Name, him they compelled to bear his croſs,* 1 *Pet.* 2. 24, 25. " Who his own ſelf bear our ſins in his
" own body on the tree, that we being dead to ſin, ſhould live unto
" righteouſneſs: by whoſe ſtripes ye were healed, for ye were as ſheep
" going aſtray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Biſhop of
" your Souls, *Jer.* 11. 19. " But I was like a Lamb or an Ox that is
" brought to the ſlaughter, and I know not that they deviſed againſt me;
" ſaying, let us deſtroy the tree with the fruit thereof, and let us cut
" him off from the land of the living, that his name may no more be re-
" membred, *Iſa.* 53. 12. " Therefore will I divide him a portion with

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" the great, and he ſhall divide the ſpoil with the ſtrong, becauſe he had
" poured out his ſoul unto death, and he was numbred with the tranſ-
" greſſors, and he bare the ſins of many; and made interceſſion for the
" tranſgreſſors, as *Luke* 23. 33. *And when they came to a place which is*
called Cavalry, *there they crucified him, and the two Malefactors, the one*
on the right hand, and the other on the left, here it is confirm'd, that he
was numbred with the tranſgreſſors, *Pſal.* 22. 7, 8. " All they that ſaw
" me, laugh'd me to ſcorn; they ſhoot out their lips, they ſhake their
" heads, ſaying, he truſted in the Lord that he would deliver him: ſee-
" ing he delighted in him; they gaped on me with their mouth, as a
" ravening and roaring lyon, as *Luke* 23. 36. *They alſo mocked him, com-*
ing to him and offered him vinegar and gall, and ſaying, if thou be the King
of the Jews *ſave thy ſelf*, then was fulfilled, as is written in *Pſal.* 22. v.
17, 18. " For dogs have compaſſed me, the aſſembly of the wicked have
" encloſed me, they pierced my hands and my feet; I may tell all my
" bones; they look and ſtare upon me: they parted my garments among
" them, and upon my veſture they caſt lots, as *Matth.* 27. 46. *And about*
the ninth hour, Jeſus *cryed with a loud voice, ſaying*, Eloi, Eloi, Lama-
Sabacthani, *that is to ſay in the Hebrew*, My God, my God, why haſt
thou forſaken me, *then they run and gave him vinegar with gall*, as in
Pſal. 22. 23. *Ye that fear the Lord, praiſe him; all ye the ſeed of* Jacob,
glorifie him; and fear him, all ye the ſeed of Iſrael, *Matth.* 27. 51, 52.
" And *Jeſus* when he cryed again with a loud voice, he yielded up the
" Ghoſt; and behold the vail of the temple was rent in twain from the
" top to the bottom, and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent, and
" the graves were opened, and many bodies of Saints which ſlept aroſe,
John 19. 31. " The *Jews* therefore becauſe it was the preparation for the
" Sabbath, that Sabbath was a great High-day, they beſought *Pilate* that
" their legs may be broken, 33. But when they came to *Jeſus*, and ſaw
" that he was dead already, they brake not his legs, that the Scripture
" might be fulfilled, as *Pſal.* 34. 20. *He keeps all his bones, not one of*
them was broken, *Luke* 23. 50. " And behold there was a Man named
" *Joſeph*, a Counceller, and he was a good and a juſt Perſon, and the ſame
" had not conſented to the council of the *Jews*, this Man went to *Pilate*,
" and begged the Body of *Jeſus*, and he took it down and wrapt it in
" Linnen, and laid it in a *Sepulchre* hewen out of a ſtone, wherein never
" Man yet was laid, a proof of that *Sepulchre*, *Iſa.* 22. 16. " What haſt
" thou here, and whom haſt thou here? that thou haſt hewed out a
" *Sepulchre*, as he that hewed him out a *Sepulchre* on high, that graved
" an habitation for himſelf in a rock.

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I now proceed to his Reſurreſtion. *Mar.* 16. 14. to the 19. "Afterward he appeared unto the eleven Diſciples, as they ſat at Meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief, and hardneſs of heart, becauſe they believed not them which had ſeen him after he was riſen from the dead. Ver. 19. So then after the Lord had ſpoken unto them, he was received up into Heaven, and ſat at the right-hand of God. As is proved *Pſal.* 100. 1. *The Lord ſaid unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right-hand until I make thine Enemies thy foot-ſtool. Pſal.* 24. 8, 9. "Who is this King of Glory? the Lord ſtrong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye Gates, even lift them up, ye everlaſting Doors, and the King of Glory ſhall come in. *Pſal.* 93. 2. *Thy Throne is eſtabliſhed of old: thou art from everlaſting. Pſal.* 68. 18. "Thou haſt aſcended on high, thou haſt led captivity captive: thou haſt received gifts for Men; yea, for the rebellious alſo, that the Lord God might dwell among them. As *Act.* 3. 17, 18. And now Brethren, I know that through ignorance ye did it, as did alſo your Rulers. But thoſe things which God before had ſhewed by the mouth of all his Prophets, that Chriſt ſhould Suffer, he hath ſo fulfilled. Repent ye therefore, and be Converted, that your ſins may be blotted out, when the times of refreſhing ſhall come from the preſence of the Lord. I ſay with the *Pſal.* 93. 5. *Thy Teſtimonies are very ſure: holyneſs beeometh thine houſe, O Lord, for ever.* Conſider the Invitation of God to you by the Prophet *Ezekiel*, in Chap. 33. ver. 11. to turn unto him; he declares there, that he delights not in your death or deſtruction, yea, he doubles his Invitation: *turn ye, turn ye, O houſe of Iſrael, from your ways, for why will ye die*: turn from your Obſtinacy and Unbelief, unto the living God, by embracing the *Meſſias* by Faith, otherwiſe, you will dye the ſecond Death, which will unavoidably ſeize on all Unbelievers.

I could inſtance to you in many particulars, how pernicious that Sin of Obſtinacy and Unbelief, hath been to our Fore-fathers, out of the Old Teſtament, which might be a ſufficient motive to perſwade rational Men to the Belief of the *Meſſias*; but ſhall forbear, not willing that my Writings ſhall encreaſe to a larger Volume, therefore ſhall draw to a Period, and ſincerely Pray,

That God of his infinite Mercy and Goodneſs, would enlighten your darkened Underſtandings to know; and would mollifie your obſtinate and obdurate Hearts to

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embrace the true Meſſias, *as already exhibited in the Goſpel to the World, to the Glory of God, and for your everlaſting Salvation.* And I am ſure all good Chriſtians will ſay, *Amen*, thereto.

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